

# Cookbook of Activities for Driver Education

## MT CURRICULUM GUIDE

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Objective: Practice Observation Skills

### INGREDIENTS

Any two objects placed at the front of the classroom that are unique to the classroom

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Place the two objects in plain view of the classroom (your desk, podium)
- Do NOT call attention to the objects
- After 5 minutes, block the students' view of the objects and ask the students to write the names of the two objects that are at the front of the class
- Reveal the objects to the students

Lead a discussion on why some did not see the objects and how it relates to driving

#### Option:

1. Describe the color of item/clothing of person who walks into room for brief time.
2. Read a passage. Count the number of times the letter/ word (pick a vowel or word like "a" or "the") appears in the passage.

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Objective: Orderly Visual Search Pattern

### INGREDIENTS

5 x 7 inch cards with the search pattern on it

Moveable chairs or tape

Tape can be placed on the floor to outline an intersection

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Arrange rows of student chairs to simulate travel lane
- Have at least one chair off to the side to represent a right-front zone change caused by a car backing out of a driveway.
- Have the students walk through the "travel lane" simulating they are driving
- Give each student one of the index cards and ask them to:
  - o Demonstrate how they are using that step of the orderly visual search pattern
  - o Verbalize how they are using that step of orderly visual search pattern
- Repeat each step several times with different students "driving" and explaining

#### **ORDERLY VISUAL SEARCH PATTERN:**

- Look ahead to your target area range.
- Evaluate your left-front, front, and right-front zones in the 12-15 second range. Search driveways and intersections for possible changes in your line of sight and path of travel.
- Glance in rearview mirror to check rear zones
- Evaluate your 4-6 second range before entering that space.
- Look ahead again to evaluate another 12-15 sec range.
- Check 4-6 second range.
- Glance in rearview mirror.
- Check speedometer and gauges.

Note: Each look or glance should last only an instant as you evaluate your zones.